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10.30 a.m. — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

Iraq (UNMOVIC)

Other matters

General Assembly

Tenth emergency special session

10 a.m. — 23rd plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory [5]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/ES-10/248)

(b) Draft resolution (A/ES-10/L.16)

(c) Draft decision (A/ES-10/L.17)

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Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 9 December 2003, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Protection of civilians in armed conflict". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520), or call Mr. David Biggs (tel. 1 (212) 963-5598), from 9.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Morning[1] 71st plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

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2. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification: report of the First Committee (A/58/452) [63]
3. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/58/453) [64]
4. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/58/454) [65]
5. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/58/455) [66]
6. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security: report of the First Committee (A/58/456) [67]
7. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/58/457) [68]
8. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/58/458) [69]
9. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/58/459) [70]
10. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/58/460) [71]
11. Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/58/461) [72]
12. General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/58/462) [73]
13. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/58/463) [74]
14. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/58/464) [75]
15. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/58/465) [76]
16. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/58/466) [77]
17. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/58/467) [78]
18. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/58/468) [79]

[1] Immediately following the adjournment of the 23rd plenary meeting of the tenth emergency special session.

19. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/58/469) . . . . . [80]

3 p.m. 72nd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/510) [148]
2. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/511) [149]
3. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/512) . . . . . [150]
4. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-sixth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/513) . . . . . [151]
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6. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/515) . . . . . [153]
7. International Criminal Court: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/516) . . . . . [154]
8. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/517) . . . . . [155]
9. Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/518) [156]
10. Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/519) . . . . . [157]
11. International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings . . . . [158]
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12. Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/522) . . . . . [159]
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16. Administration of justice at the United Nations: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/521) . . . . . [128]
17. Information and communication technologies for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/568) . . . . . [49]

Main Committees

Second Committee

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 2

Informal consultations convened by Mr. Henri Raubenheimer (South Africa), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on all outstanding draft proposals

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 131 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 (A/58/269, A/58/366, A/58/367, A/58/368, A/58/550 and A/58/554)); 132 (Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/58/226, A/58/368, A/58/288 and A/58/449)); and 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: consideration of draft resolution)

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: consideration of draft resolution)

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Statements of programme budget implications

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room A

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room A

Informal consultations in preparation for its resumed 2003 session

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.20 entitled "Science and technology for development" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

10–11.30 a.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.19 entitled "Cybersecurity and the protection of critical information infrastructures" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic)

10–11.30 a.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.41 entitled "Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence" (agenda item 100) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Room S-2963D

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.17 entitled "International financial system and development" (agenda item 91 (d)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana)

11 a.m.–12 noon Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.24 entitled "Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries" (agenda item 97 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.18 entitled "External debt crisis and development" (agenda item 91 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

12 noon–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.32 entitled "International trade and development" (agenda item 91 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

1.15–3 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.37 entitled "International migration and development" (agenda item 93 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

1.30–3.30 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.39 entitled "High-level Dialogue on Financing for Development; and A/C.2/58/L.40 entitled "Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development" (agenda item 104) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Cameroon)

3.30–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Other meetings

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Monday, 8 December 2003

Group of 77 *(financing for development; and other macroeconomic policy questions)*

9 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Group of 77 *(Second Committee issues)*

1.30–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

10–11 a.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

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African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft decision entitled "Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development" (A/58/L.29) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

4–6 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

UNITAR/WTO workshop on international trade negotiations

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the international trade series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Monday, 8 December, to Wednesday, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Informal briefing on the outcome of the Third Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD III)

There will be an informal briefing by Mr. Masaharu Kohno, Director-General for Sub-Saharan Africa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Japan, on the outcome of the Third Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD III). The briefing, organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and the Permanent Mission of Japan, will take place on Monday, 8 December 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Mieko Ikegame (tel. 1 (212) 963-1937; e-mail ikegame@un.org).

Briefing on "Implementation of the Brahimi Report *The Future of Peace Operations*"

There will be a briefing on "Implementation of the Brahimi Report *The Future of Peace Operations*", organized by the Permanent Missions of Finland and Singapore, on Monday, 8 December 2003, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4. For further information, please contact Ms. Katariina Prepula, Permanent Mission of Finland (tel. 1 (212) 821-0244).

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Monday, 8 December 2003

Room S-226

11.15 a.m. . . . . Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs (to launch the final part of the *World Economic and Social Survey 2003*)

12.45 p.m. . . . . Background briefing by a senior United Nations official on the Secretary-General's address to the World Summit on the Information Society (Geneva, 10 December); and on the Secretary-General's Lecture on Global Ethics (Tubingen, Germany, 12 December) [Delegations are invited to view the briefing in Studio 4, First Basement.]

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 9 December 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. . . . . 73rd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples . . . . . [19]

   (a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples on its work during 2003 (A/58/23 (Parts I-III)

   (b) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/66 and A/58/171)

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/58/23 (Part III), Chapter XII, Section G, para. 7 and A/58/L.21))

2. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/470) . . . . . [81]

3. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/471) . . . . [82]

4. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/472) . . . . . [83]

5. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/473) [84]

6. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/474) . . . . . [85]

7. Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/475) . . . . . [86]

8. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/476) . . . . . [87]

9. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/477) . . . . . [88]

10. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations; report of the Economic and Social Council: report

of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/478) [89 and 12]

11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/479) . . . . . [90]

12. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/480) . . . . . [19]

13. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A/58/23 (Part III), Chapter XII, Section G, para. 7 and A/58/L.21) . . . . . [19]

14. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: assistance to the Palestinian people: draft resolution (A/58/L.33) . . . . . [40 (e)]

Second Committee

The Second Committee will hold its 36th meeting[1] on Tuesday, 9 December 2003, at 3 p.m. in *Conference Room 1*, to take action on draft decision A/C.2/58/L.6 (item 91 (b)) and draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.12 and A/C.2/58/L.48 (item 94), A/C.2/58/L.11 (item 94 (c), A/C.2/58/L.21 and A/C.2/58/L.47 (item 99 (b)), A/C.2/58/L.33 (item 91 (a)), A/C.2/58/L.35 and A/C.2/58/L.46 (item 101) and A/C.2/58/L.36/Rev.1 (item 103); and its 37th meeting on Wednesday, 10 December, at 10 a.m. in *Conference Room 1*, to take action on all outstanding draft proposals.

[1] Informal consultations will be held, immediately following the adjournment of the 36th meeting.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 26th meeting on Tuesday, 9 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, immediately followed by informal consultations (closed) in Conference Room 5. Informal consultations (closed) will also be held at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Credentials Committee

There will be a closed meeting of the Credentials Committee on Thursday, 11 December 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegations that have not submitted credentials in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly are requested to submit them to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A) before the meeting, on 11 December.

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
First meeting of States Parties

The First Meeting of States Parties will take place on Thursday, 11 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The documents for the Meeting are CMW/SP/1, CMW/SP/2 and CMW/SP/3.

Quorum

Pursuant to article 72, paragraph 4 of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-thirds of the States Parties. As there are 22 States Parties to the Convention, the quorum is 15 States Parties. There have been instances in the past where meetings of the States Parties have been substantially delayed or called off due to the lack of quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present at the scheduled time of the meeting.

Credentials

The credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the Meeting. The credentials may be brought or sent to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room S-2914).

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 2003 session from 15 to 19 December 2003 in Conference Room 4. The agenda of the 2003 session is contained in document E/C.2/2003/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are requested to inform the Secretary-General about the composition of their delegation for the resumed session through the Committee Secretary, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-4248).

Other forthcoming meetings

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JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 9 December 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (agenda item 39 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (agenda item 39 (a)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia, on the following dates: Tuesday, 9 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2; Thursday, 11 December, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and Friday, 12 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Rom 9.

United Nations Expert Group Meeting on World Population in 2300

The United Nations Expert Group Meeting on World Population in 2300, organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 9 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6. For further information, please contact Mr. Joseph Chamie, Director, Population Division, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-3179; fax 1 (212) 963-2147) [Background document and related information are available at www.un.org/esa/population/publications/longrange2/longrange2.htm.]

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance in mine action" (agenda item 22) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance in mine action" (agenda item 22), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), will be held on Tuesday, 9 December 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union), on Tuesday, 9 December 2003, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Panel discussion on "Globalization of Human Rights: Pros and Cons" (organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University)

On the occasion of Human Rights Day, a panel discussion on "Globalization of Human Rights: Pros and Cons", organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University, will take place on Wednesday, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UNU New York Office (Web site www.ony.unu.edu; email unuona@ony.unu.edu; or tel. 1 (212) 963-6387) [Registration on-line at www.ony.unu.edu/unuseminarregistration.htm].

Eastern European Group *(of the Fifth Committee)*

There will be a meeting of the Eastern European Group *(of the Fifth Committee)* on Thursday, 11 December 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Presentation of the handbook *Internet Services for Delegates*

A practical presentation for all permanent missions to the United Nations of the recently-issued handbook *Internet Services for Delegates*, organized by the Ad Hoc Working Group on Informatics, will be held on Friday, 12 December 2003, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Copies of the handbook will be distributed to the participants. Members of the permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 3 December 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Preparations for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (1-12 March 2004), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following thematic issues that will be taken up by the Commission: (a) Women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peace building; and (b) The role of men and boys in achieving gender equality. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1246; and/or email zakharova@un.org), no later than 9 January 2004, indicating the panel for which the experts(s) is (are) being nominated.

Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society

On the occasion of the World Summit on the Information Society, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues is organizing a major parallel conference, the Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society, to be held in Geneva from 8 to 11 December 2003. Information regarding the proposed agenda and programme of work is available at www.un.org/esa/socdev/pfii/. Delegations of Member States wishing to register may contact Mr. John G. Scott, Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (e-mail scott9@un.org).

Summary of meetings

Friday, 5 December 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

69th plenary meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance . . . . . [40]

(a) *Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolution (A/58/L.34)*

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolutions (A/58/L.22 and A/58/L.35)

(e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: draft resolution (A/58/L.33)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 40 and its sub-items (a), (b) and (e).

The representative of South Africa made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolutions A/58/L.22 and A/58/L.35.

The President announced that, at the request of the sponsor, action on draft resolution A/58/L.33 would be taken at a later date.

The representative of Morocco (on behalf of the Group 77 and China) made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/58/L.34.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/58/L.22 (resolution 58/24), A/58/L.34 (resolution 58/25) and A/58/L.35 (resolution 58/26).

The representative of Ethiopia made a statement.

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly decided to conclude this stage of its consideration of sub-items (a), (b) and (c) of agenda item 40.

Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [35]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of the item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-ninth session.

The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security; emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan [28 and 40 (f)]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/616)

(b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.32)

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The representative of Germany made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/58/L.32.

Statements were made by the representatives of Afghanistan, Italy (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Turkey), as well as by H.E. Mr. Sayed Safwan Ullah, Minister of Housing and Work of Pakistan, and the representatives of Norway, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Egypt, India, Turkey, Ukraine and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

70th plenary meeting

The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security; emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan [28 and 40 (f)]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/616)

(b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.32)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 28 and sub-item (f) of agenda item 40.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kazakhstan, Japan, the Russian Federation, Thailand, the Republic of Korea, Tajikistan and Nepal.

The General Assembly decided to adopt draft resolution A/58/L.32 (resolution A/58/27 A and B).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 28 and sub-item (f) of agenda item 40.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendments to the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR). 27 November 2003

Acceptance of amen 'ments proposed by France to article 12 of the Agreement (27 November 2003)[1]

Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Signature: Australia (5 December 2003)

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

Human Rights Day

All information concerning the events on the occasion of Human Rights Day can be found at the following Web site: www.un.org/events/humanrights/.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 2003 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
South Africa
H.E. Mr. Dumisani Shadrack Kumalo

Asian States:
Japan
H.E. Mr. Koichi Haraguchi

Eastern European States:
Republic of Modova
H.E. Mr. Vsevolod Grigore

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Dominica
H.E. Mr. Crispin Gregoire

Western European and other States:
France
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc de La Sablière

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General Assembly:
www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/
www.un.org/ga

Presidency of the Security Council:
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www.un.org/french/docs/sc/presidency/

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:
www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm
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A/58/473	Item 84 — Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
A/58/481	Item 91 — Macroeconomic policy questions — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/58/499	Item 108 — Crime and criminal justice — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
A/58/566	Item 26 — The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development — United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/607	Items 12, 60 and 100 — Report of the Economic and Social Council — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — Globalization and interdependence — Letter

	dated 18 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/614	Items 91, 93 and 100 — Macroeconomic policy questions — Sustainable development and international economic cooperation — Globalization and interdependence — Letter dated 25 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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A/RES/58/11	Item 44 — International Decade for a culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World, 2001-2010 [A C E F R S]
A/RES/58/12	Item 25 — University for Peace [A C E F R S]
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A/C.5/58/26	Items 117 (c) and 121 — Human rights questions: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Situation of human rights in Myanmar — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.68/Rev.1 — Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
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A/ES-10/L.16	Item 5 — Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory — 27-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]

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S/2003/1121	Letter dated 21 November 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [E (only)]
S/2003/1141	Letter dated 1 December 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
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E/C.2/2003/2/Add.15	Quadrennial reports, 1998-2001, submitted through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
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First regular session 2004

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Tuesday, 9 December 2003

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[1] Following the adjournment of the 36th meeting of the Second Committee.

Fifth Committee

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Children in armed conflict: programme budget implications

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Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

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3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room A

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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Second Committee

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Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.32 entitled "International trade and development" (agenda item 91 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

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1.30–3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

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Group of 77 *(on Second Committee issues)*

1.15–2.45 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

10–11 a.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (agenda item 39 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance in mine action" (agenda item 22) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Meeting devoted to least developed countries and other programme countries of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 4

African Group

3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Eastern European Group

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

4–6 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

United Nations Expert Group Meeting on World Population in 2300

The United Nations Expert Group Meeting on World Population in 2300, organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held *today*, 9 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6. For further information, please contact Mr. Joseph Chamie, Director, Population Division, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-3179; fax 1 (212) 963-2147) [Background document and related information are available at www.un.org/esa/population/publications/longrange2/longrange2.htm.]

UNITAR/WTO workshop on international trade negotiations

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the international trade series. The workshop, conducted in English, will continue *today*, 9 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Tuesday, 9 December 2003

Room S-226

12.45 p.m. Mr. Joseph Chamie, Director of the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (on the report *World Population in 2300)*

Forthcoming official meetings

Wednesday, 10 December 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. 73rd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

Fifty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [48]: award of human rights prizes in 2003; Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [117 (d)]: tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: *joint debate*:

(a) Presentation of awards

(b) Debate

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 26th meeting on Wednesday, 10 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, immediately followed by informal consultations (closed) in Conference Room 5.

Credentials Committee

There will be a closed meeting of the Credentials Committee on Thursday, 11 December 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegations that have not submitted credentials in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly are requested to submit them to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A) before the meeting, on 11 December.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations (closed) on draft proposals under agenda item 40, chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg), will be held on Wednesday, 10 December 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

First meeting of States Parties

The First Meeting of States Parties will take place on Thursday, 11 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The documents for the Meeting are CMW/SP/1, CMW/SP/2 and CMW/SP/3.

Quorum

Pursuant to article 72, paragraph 4 of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-thirds of the States Parties. As there are 22 States Parties to the Convention, the quorum is 15 States Parties. There have been instances in the past where meetings of the States Parties have been substantially delayed or called off due to the lack of quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present at the scheduled time of the meeting.

Credentials

The credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the Meeting. The credentials may be brought or sent to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room S-2914).

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 2003 session from 15 to 19 December 2003 in Conference Room 4. The agenda of the 2003 session is contained in document E/C.2/2003/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are requested to inform the Secretary-General about the composition of their delegation for the resumed session through the Committee Secretary, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Panel discussion on "Globalization of Human Rights: Pros and Cons" (organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University)

On the occasion of Human Rights Day, a panel discussion on "Globalization of Human Rights: Pros and Cons", organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University, will take place on Wednesday, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UNU New York Office (Web site www.ony.unu.edu; email unuona@ony.unu.edu; or tel. 1 (212) 963-6387) [Registration on-line at www.ony.unu.edu/unuseminarregistration.htm].

Meeting of the the Least Developed Countries with their development partners of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

There will be a meeting of the Least Developed Countries with their development partners of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin, on Thursday, 11 December 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (agenda item 39 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (agenda item 39 (a)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia, on the following dates: Thursday, 11 December, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and Friday, 12 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Rom 9.

Eastern European Group *(of the Fifth Committee)*

There will be a meeting of the Eastern European Group *(of the Fifth Committee)* on Thursday, 11 December 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Meeting of the Group of Least Developed Countries *(at the experts level)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of Least Developed Countries *(at the experts level)*, organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin, on Friday, 12 December 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Presentation of the handbook *Internet Services for Delegates*

A practical presentation for all permanent missions to the United Nations of the recently-issued handbook *Internet Services for Delegates*, organized by the Ad Hoc Working Group on Informatics, will be held on Friday, 12 December 2003, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Copies of the handbook will be distributed to the participants. Members of the permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 3 December 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Preparations for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (1-12 March 2004), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following thematic issues that will be taken up by the Commission: (a) Women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peace building; and (b) The role of men and boys in achieving gender equality. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1246; and/or email zakharova@un.org), no later than 9 January 2004, indicating the panel for which the experts(s) is (are) being nominated.

Summary of meetings

Monday, 8 December 2003

General Assembly

Tenth emergency special session

23rd plenary meeting

Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory . . . . . [5]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/ES-10/248)

(b) Draft resolution (A/ES-10/L.16)

(c) Draft decision (A/ES-10/L.17)

The representative of Kuwait (on behalf of the Arab States) made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/ES-10/L.16 and draft decision A/ES-10/L.17.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel, Malaysia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Senegal (Mr. Papa Louis Fall, Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Conference), Italy (on behalf of the European Union and of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia and Slovenia, which aligned themselves with this statement), South Africa, the Russian Federation, Uganda, Cuba and the United States.

The representative of Turkey made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 90 votes to 8, with 74 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/ES-10/L.16 (resolution ES-10/14).

By 111 votes to 7, with 55 abstentions (recorded vote), the general Assembly adopted draft decision A/ES-10/L.17.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Cyprus, Japan, Canada, Switzerland and Singapore.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Israel.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Israel and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The observer for Palestine made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The representative of Senegal made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The tenth emergency special session was adjourned in accordance with the terms of the decision contained in document A/ES-10/L.17.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

71st plenary meeting — The summary of the 71st plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2003/236).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Accession: Cyprus (5 December 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature as of *today*, 9 December, until 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

Human Rights Day (10 December 2003)

In connection with Human Rights Day, the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights is sponsoring several events to mark the fifty-fifth anniversary of the proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the tenth anniversary of the Vienna World Conference on Human Rights and the award of human rights prizes. Information regarding the schedule of events parallel to the plenary meeting of the General Assembly is available at www.un.org/events/humanrights/. The address for the live webcast of the award of human rights prizes is the following: www.un.org/webcast/. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Sixth Annual Summit on Staff Security

The Sixth Annual Summit on Staff Security, on the theme "After Baghdad: United Nations Workers Under the Gun", organized by the Standing Committee on the Security and Independence of the International Civil Service and by the United Nations Staff Council, will take place on Thursday, 11 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Julian Robert Hunte, will deliver the opening keynote address. The President of the Security Council, H.E. Mr. Stefan Tafrov, (Bulgaria), the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal, (Guatemala), and the President of the United Nations Staff Union, Ms. Rosemarie Waters, will be among the speakers.

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact Mr. Guy Candusso (tel. 1 (212) 963-3801).

Web sites

President of the General Assembly:
www.un.org/ga/president

General Assembly:
www.un.org/Depts/DGACM/
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Presidency of the Security Council:
www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency
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Security Council:
www.un.org/sc

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:
www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm
www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373
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Economic and Social Council:
www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc

Italian presidency of the European Union:
www.italyun.org
http://europa-eu-un.org

Department of Economic and Social Affairs:
www.un.org/esa

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 8 December 2003.

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A/58/PV.57	Meeting held on 5 November 2003, 3 p.m. [E]
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A/58/563	Item 17 (c) — Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/58/564	Item 17 (d) — Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/58/565	Item 17 (e) — Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/58/583	Item 138 — Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/58/584	Item 140 — Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor — Report of the Fifth Committee [A C E F R S]
A/58/615	Item 12 — Report of the Economic and Social Council — Open-ended panel of the General Assembly on commodities — Note by the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/58/616	Items 28 and 40 (f) — The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/617	Item 117 (b) – Human rights questions: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Report of the Secretary-General on Khmer Rouge trials [A C E F R S]

A/58/L.7/Rev.1/Add.1	Item 60 — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — 17-Power revised draft resolution — Responding to global threats and challenges [A C E F R S]
A/58/L.20/Add.1	Item 43 — Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin — 63-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/58/L.23/Add.1	Item 38 — Question of Palestine — 30-Power draft resolution — Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People [A C E F R S]
A/58/L.24/Add.1	Item 38 — Question of Palestine — 29-Power draft resolution — Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat [A C E F R S]
A/58/L.25/Add.1	Item 38 — Question of Palestine — 29-Power draft resolution — Special information programme on the question of Palestine of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat [A C E F R S]
A/58/L.26/Rev.1/Add.1	Item 38 — Question of Palestine — 30-Power revised draft resolution — Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine [A C E F R S]
A/58/L.27/Add.1	Item 37 — The situation in the Middle East — 26 Power draft resolution — Jerusalem [A C E F R S]
A/58/L.28/Add.1	Item 37 — The situation in the Middle East — 27-Power draft resolution — The Syrian Golan [A C E F R S]
A/58/L.37	Item 158 — International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings — Costa Rica: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/RES/58/4	Item 108 — United Nations Convention against Corruption [A C E F R S]

Second Committee

A/C.2/58/L.36/Rev.1	Item 103 — Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources — 26-Power revised draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/C.2/58/L.46	Item 101 — Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly — Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.35 — Rules of procedure of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) [A C E F R S]
A/C.2/58/L.47	Item 99 (b) — Training and research: United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy — Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.21 — United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy [A C E F R S]
A/C.2/58/L.48	Item 94 — Environment and sustainable development — Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.12 — Report of the Governing Council on the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-second session [A C E F R S]

Fifth Committee

A/C.5/58/20 Item 121 — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 — Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

Tenth Emergency special session

A/ES-10/250 Letter dated 5 December 2003 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

A/ES-10/L.17 Item 5 — Illegal Israeli action in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory — 26-Power draft decision — Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory [A C E F R S]

Security Council

Documents

S/2003/978 Letter dated 7 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

S/2003/1144 Letter dated 28 November 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council

Documents

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
Resumed 2003 session

E/C.2/2003/2/Add.13 Quadrennial reports, 1997-2000, submitted through the Secretary-General pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

United Nations Children's Fund Executive Board
First regular session 2004

E/ICEF/2004/2 Item 2 of the provisional agenda — Provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work and list of documents [A C E F R S]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
Thirtieth session

CEDAW/C/2004/I/2 Item 5 of the provisional agenda — Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women — Status of submission of reports by States parties under article 18 of the Convention — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

CEDAW/C/2004/I/4/Add.2
Item 7 of the provisional agenda — Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee — Enhancing the working methods of the Committee under article 18 of the Convention — Parallel working groups for the consideration of periodic reports — Note by the secretariat [A C E F R S]

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Documents

First regular session 2004

DP/2004/8 Item 5 of the provisional agenda — Country programmes and related matters — Assistance to Myanmar — Note by the Administrator [A C E F R S]

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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

10 a.m. — 73rd plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Fifty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [48]: award of human rights prizes in 2003; Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [117 (d)]: tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: *joint debate*:

(a) Presentation of awards

(b) Debate

General Assembly

Fifty-eight session

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the General Assembly

The fourth meeting of the open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, chaired by the President of the General Assembly, will be held on Friday, 12 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. [A revised text of the draft decision by the President of the General Assembly, was faxed to all Permanent Mission, on Tuesday, 9 December 2003].

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Main Committees

Second Committee

10 a.m. — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 1

Informal consultations held by Mr. Henri Raubenheimer (South Africa), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on: A/C.2/58/L.23 (item 12), A/C.2/58/L.20 (item 91 (b)), A/C.2/58/L.16 (item 91 (c) and (f)), A/C.2/58/L.17 (item 91 (d)), A/C.2/58/L.2 (item 92), A/C.2/58/L.5 (item 93 (b)), A/C.2/58/L.27, (item 93 (a)), A/C.2/58/L.7 (item 94 (b)) (and programme budget implications: A/C.2/58/L.43), A/C.2/58/L.10 (item 94 (e)), A/C.2/58/L.11 (item 94 (c)), A/C.2/58/L.14 (item 94 (f)) (programme budget implications: A/C.2/58/L.44), A/C.2/58/L.15 (item 94 (b)), A/C.2/58/L.22 (item 94 (g)), A/C.2/58/L.25 (item 94 (e)), A/C.2/58/L.26 (item 94 (a)), A/C.2/58/L.30 (item 94 (d)), A/C.2/58/L.9 (item 95), A/C.2/58/L.13 (item 96), A/C.2/58/L.24 (item 97 (b)), A/C.2/58/L.3 (item 98), A/C.2/58/L.4 (item 98), A/C.2/58/L.28 (item 99), A/C.2/58/L.41 (item 100), A/C.2/58/L.31 (item 101) and A/C.2/58/L.34 (programme budget implications: A/C.2/58/L.45) (item 102)

5–6 p.m. — Informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 3

Informal consultations held by Mr. Henri Raubenheimer (South Africa), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on: A/C.2/58/L.32 (item 91 (a)), A/C.2/58/L.19 (item 91 (b)), A/C.2/58/L.18 (item 91 (e)), A/C.2/58/L.38 (item 91 (g)), A/C.2/58/L.37 (item 93 (c)), A/C.2/58/L.39 (item 104) and A/C.2/58/L.40 (item 104)

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. — 26th meeting — Conference Room 3

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   Action on draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.32

2. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [120]

   Action on draft decisions A/C.5/58/L.33 and A/C.5/58/L.34 and draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.35

3. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.5/58/L.30 and A/C.5/58/L.31

4. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [134]

   Action on draft decision A/C.5/58/L.29

   Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (A/58/559)

5. Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3 (Chaps. I, VII (sects. B and C) and IX)) [12]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	Administrative matters	

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7
	Informal consultations (closed) on draft proposals under agenda item 40, chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg). All interested delegations are invited to attend.	

Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.39 entitled "High-level dialogue on financing for development; and A/C.2/58/L.40 entitled "Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development" (agenda item 104) (organized by the pe...anent Mission of Cameroon)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room A
3–5 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 3

Informal "informals" on follow up to General Assembly resolution 57/270 B entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields" (indicative programme of work of the Second Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 4

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.18 entitled "External debt crisis and development" (agenda item 91 (e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

12 noon–3 p.m.	Closed meeting	Room C-209B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.19 entitled "Cybersecurity and the protection of critical information infrastructures" (agenda item 91 (b)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Czech Republic)

1–3 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room B

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.37 entitled "International migration and development" (agenda 93 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

Morning[1]–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1

[1] Following the adjournment of the informal consultations of the Second Committee.

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 10 December 2003

Group of 77 *(on Second Committee matters)*

9–10 a.m.	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
1–3 p.m.	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance in mine action" (agenda item 22) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room C

African Group *(Third Committee experts)*

1.15–2.45 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft decision entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields " (A/58/L.8/Rev.1) (agenda item 50) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

1.15–3 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room E

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

4.30–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room C

Police-contributing countries meeting on UNMIK

There will be a police-contributing countries meeting on UNMIK *today*, 10 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Mr. Nils Bechmann, Deputy Police Commissioner, will discuss the downsizing of UNMIK police and other police personnel related issues.

UNITAR/WTO workshop on international trade negotiations

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the international trade series. The workshop, conducted in English, will continue *today*, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 1 (212) 963-9196).

Panel discussion on "Globalization of Human Rights: Pros and Cons" (organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University)

On the occasion of Human Rights Day, a panel discussion on "Globalization of Human Rights: Pros and Cons", organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University, will take place *today*, Wednesday, 10 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UNU New York Office (Web site: www.ony.unu.edu; email unuona@ony.unu.edu; or tel. 1 (212) 963-6387) [Registration on-line at www.ony.unu.edu/unuseminarregistration.htm].

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Wednesday, 10 December 2003

Room S-226

11 a.m. Mr. Kieran Prendergast, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs (on the Secretary-General's report to the Security Council on Iraq)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Second Committee The Second Committee will hold its 37th meeting on Thursday, 11 December 2003 at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, to take action on all draft resolutions.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 27th meeting on Thursday, 11 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3, immediately followed by informal consultations (closed) in Conference Room 5. Informal consultations (closed) will also be held at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Credentials Committee

There will be a closed meeting of the Credentials Committee on Thursday, 11 December 2003, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Delegations that have not submitted credentials in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly are requested to submit them to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A) before the meeting, on 11 December.

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families
First meeting of States Parties

The First Meeting of States Parties will take place on Thursday, 11 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. The documents for the Meeting are CMW/SP/1, CMW/SP/2 and CMW/SP/3.

Quorum

Pursuant to article 72, paragraph 4 of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-thirds of the States Parties. As there are 22 States Parties to the Convention, the quorum is 15 States Parties. There have been instances in the past where meetings of the States Parties have been substantially delayed or called off due to the lack of quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present at the scheduled time of the meeting.

Credentials

The credentials of representatives and the names of members of a delegation issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs should be submitted to the Secretary-General prior to the Meeting. The credentials may be brought or sent to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room S-2914).

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 2003 session from 15 to 19 December 2003 in Conference Room 4. The agenda of the 2003 session is contained in document E/C.2/2003/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are requested to inform the Secretary-General about the composition of their delegation for the resumed session through the Committee Secretary, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Eastern European Group *(of the Fifth Committee)*

There will be a meeting of the Eastern European Group *(of the Fifth Committee)* on Thursday, 11 December 2003, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Toward global partnerships" (agenda item 46), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on Thursday, 11 December 2003, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Meeting of the Least Developed Countries with their development partners of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

There will be a meeting of the Least Developed Countries with their development partners of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF), organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin, on Thursday, 11 December 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (agenda item 39 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (agenda item 39 (a)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia, on the following dates: Thursday, 11 December, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9; and Friday, 12 December, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Rom 9.

Group of 77 *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be an information meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Third Committee matters)* with the Director of INSTRAW, H.E. Ms. Carmen Moreno, on Friday, 12 December 2003, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Meeting of the Group of Least Developed Countries *(at the experts level)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of Least Developed Countries *(at the experts level)*, organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin, on Friday, 12 December 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Presentation of the handbook *Internet Services for Delegates*

A practical presentation for all permanent missions to the United Nations of the recently-issued handbook *Internet Services for Delegates*, organized by the Ad Hoc Working Group on Informatics, will be held on Friday, 12 December 2003, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Copies of the handbook will be distributed to the participants. Members of the permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 3 December 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Preparations for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (1-12 March 2004), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following thematic issues that will be taken up by the Commission: (a) Women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peace building; and (b) The role of men and boys in achieving gender equality. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1246; and/or email zakharova@un.org), no later than 9 January 2004, indicating the panel for which the experts(s) is (are) being nominated.

Summary of meetings

Monday, 8 December 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

71st plenary meeting

Reports of the First Committee

The Rapporteur of the First Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 62 to 80.

Reduction of military budgets: report of the First Committee (A/58/451) [62]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/451) as orally corrected (resolution 58/28).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 62.

Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification: report of the First Committee (A/58/452) [63]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/452).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 63.

Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean a Zone of Peace: report of the First Committee (A/58/453) [64]

By 130 votes to 3, with 42 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/453) (resolution 58/29).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 64.

African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/58/454) [65]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/58/454) (resolution 58/30).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 65.

Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco): report of the First Committee (A/58/455) [66]

The representative of Cuba made a statement, in the course of which he orally amended the first operative paragraph of the draft resolution.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report, as orally amended (A/58/455) (resolution 58/31).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 66.

The representative of France made a statement in explanation of vote.

Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security: report of the First Committee (A/58/456) [67]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/456).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 67.

Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security: report of the First Committee (A/58/457) [68]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/58/457) (resolution 58/32).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 68.

Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/58/458) [69]

By 106 votes to 49, with 19 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/458) (resolution 58/33).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 69.

Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/58/459) [70]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/459) (resolution 58/34).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 70.

Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons: report of the First Committee (A/58/460) [71]

By 119 votes to 0, with 58 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/460) (resolution 58/35).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 71.

Prevention of an arms race in outer space: report of the First Committee (A/58/461) [72]

By 174 votes to 0, with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/461) (resolution 58/36).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 72.

General and complete disarmament: report of the First Committee (A/58/462) [73]

The President informed the General Assembly that action on draft resolution I was postponed to a later date to allow time for the review of its programme budget implications by the Fifth Committee.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions II to XXIV recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 82 of its report (A/58/462).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 58/37)	113	3	57
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 58/38)		Adopted	
Draft resolution IV (recorded vote) (resolution 58/39)	172	1	1
Draft resolution V (recorded vote) (resolution 58/40)		Adopted	
Draft resolution VI (recorded vote) (resolution 58/41)		Adopted	
Draft resolution VII (recorded vote) (resolution 58/42)		Adopted	
Draft resolution VIII (recorded vote) (resolution 58/43)	73	48	46
Draft resolution IX (recorded vote) (resolution 58/44)	118	12	46
Draft resolution X (recorded vote) (resolution 58/45)	173	1	4
Draft resolution XI (recorded vote) Oral amendment to the first preambular paragraph	165	4	3
Draft resolution XI (recorded vote) As orally amended (resolution 58/46)	124	29	22
Draft resolution XII (recorded vote) (resolution 58/47)	114	47	17
Draft resolution XIII (recorded vote) (resolution 58/48)		Adopted	
Draft resolution XIV (recorded vote) Oral amendment to the last three words of the fifth preambular paragraph	159	3	9
Draft resolution XIV (recorded vote) Fifth preambular paragraph As orally amended	163	2	9
Draft resolution XIV (recorded vote) As orally amended (resolution 58/49)	168	3	28
Draft resolution XV (recorded vote) (resolution 58/50)	128	4	43
Draft resolution XVI (recorded vote) Oral amendment to the twentieth preambular paragraph	128	6	41
Draft resolution XVI (recorded vote) As orally amended (resolution 58/51)	123	6	3

Draft resolution XVII (recorded vote) (resolution 58/52)		Adopted	
Draft resolution XVIII (recorded vote) (resolution 58/53)	153	0	23
Draft resolution XIX (recorded vote) Oral amendment to the second operative paragraph	153	0	23
Draft resolution XIX (recorded vote) Oral amendment to the third operative paragraph	152	0	22
Draft resolution XIX (recorded vote) Oral amendment to the fourth operative paragraph as a whole	152	0	22
Draft resolution XIX (recorded vote) As orally amended (resolution 58/54)	150	0	27
Draft resolution XX (recorded vote) (resolution 58/55)		Adopted	
Draft resolution XXI (recorded vote) (resolution 58/56)	112	45	20
Draft resolution XXII (recorded vote) (resolution 58/57)		Adopted	
Draft resolution XXIII (recorded vote) (resolution 58/58)		Adopted	
Draft resolution XXIV (recorded vote) (resolution 58/59)	164	2	14

The representatives of Japan, Cuba, Brazil, Singapore and Lithuania made statements in explanation of vote after the vote.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 73.

Review and implementation of Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly: report of the First Committee (A/58/463) [74]

The General Assembly adopted draft decisions I to IV recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 23 of its report (A/58/463) (resolutions 58/60, 58/61, 58/62 and 58/63).

By 118 votes to 46, with 13 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution V recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 23 of its report (A/58/463) (resolution 58/64).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution VI recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 23 of its report (A/58/463) (resolution 58/65).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 74.

Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session: report of the First Committee (A/58/464) [75]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/58/464) (resolutions 58/66 and 58/67).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 75.

The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East: report of the First Committee (A/58/465) [76]

By 162 votes to 2, with 10 abstentions (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted the sixth preambular paragraph. By 162 votes to 4, with 10 abstentions (recorded vote), the Assembly adopted the draft resolution as a whole recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/465) (resolution 58/68).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 76.

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects: report of the First Committee (A/58/466) [77]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/58/466) (resolution 58/69).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 77.

Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region: report of the First Committee (A/58/467) [78]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/467) (resolution 58/70).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 78.

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban-Treaty: report of the First Committee (A/58/468) [79]

By 173 votes to 1, with 4 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/468) (resolution 58/71).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 79.

Convention on the Prohibition of Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction: report of the First Committee (A/58/469) [80]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the First Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/58/469) (resolution 58/72).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 80.

Information and communication technologies for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/568) [49]

The representatives of Peru (on behalf of the Rio Group), China, Tunisia, Pakistan, Malaysia and Cuba made statements.

The representative of Morocco made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 49.

Tuesday, 9 December 2003

Security Council

4877th meeting

Protection of civilians in armed conflict

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Azerbaijan, Canada, Colombia, Egypt, Italy, Japan, Norway, the Republic of Korea, Sierra Leone, Switzerland and Ukraine, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Jan Egeland, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard a briefing by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator.

Statements were made by the representatives of Spain, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, Chile, the Syrian Arab Republic, Guinea, the United States, China, Angola, Mexico, France, Cameroon, Pakistan and Germany, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Bulgaria.

The Council heard statements made by the representatives of Italy (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the acceding countries – Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia, and the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro, and the EFTA country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement) and Ukraine.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Switzerland, Sierra Leone, Egypt, Colombia, the Republic of Korea, Norway, Azerbaijan and Canada.

Mr. Jan Egeland responded to comments and questions raised.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

72nd plenary meeting

Reports of the Sixth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Sixth Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 148 to 159, 162 to 164 and 128.

Under rule 66 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Sixth Committee which were before the Assembly.

Progressive development of principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order (A/58/510) [148]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/58/510).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 148.

United Nations Programme of Assistance in Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/511) [149]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/58/511) (resolution 58/73).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 149.

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/512) [150]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/58/512) (resolution 58/74).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 150.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-sixth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/513) [151]

The representative of Sierra Leone made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/58/513) (resolutions 58/75 and 58/76).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 151.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/514) [152]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/58/514) (resolution 58/77).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 152.

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/515) [153]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/58/515) (resolution 58/78).

The representative of Cuba made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 153.

International Criminal Court: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/516) [154]

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/58/516) (resolution 58/79).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 154.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/517) [155]

The President informed the General Assembly that action on draft resolution I was postponed to a later date to allow time for the review of its programme budget implications by the Fifth Committee.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution II recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/57/517) (resolution 58/80).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 155.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/518) [156]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/58/518) (resolution 58/81).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 156.

Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associate Personnel: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/519) [157]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/58/519) (resolution 58/82).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 157.

International convention against reproductive cloning of human beings [158]

(a) Report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/520)

(b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.37)

The General Assembly decided to include the item in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and Egypt.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 158.

Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/522) [159]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/58/522) (resolution 58/83).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 159.

Observer status for the Eurasian Economic Community in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/523) [162]

The representative of Sierra Leone made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/58/523) (resolution 58/84).

The representative of Kazakhstan made a statement.

The Secretary-General of the Eurasian Economic Community made a statement.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 162.

Observer status for the GUUAM in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/524) [163]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/524) (resolution 58/85).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 163.

Observer status for the East African Community in the General Assembly: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/525) [164]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/525) (resolution 58/86).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 164.

Administration of justice in the United Nations: report of the Sixth Committee (A/58/521) [128]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/58/521) (resolution 58/87).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 128.

72nd plenary meeting (continued)

The summary of the 72nd plenary meeting (continued) of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2003/237).

Main Committees

Second Committee

36th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

(a) International trade and development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.33

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Morocco made a statement, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 105 to 2, with 43 abstentions.

The representatives of the United States and Italy (on behalf of the European Union) made statements in explanation of vote after the vote.

The representatives of Ethiopia and Ukraine made statements regarding their vote.

(b) Science and technology for development

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft decision A/C.2/58/L.6

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.6.

Environment and sustainable development [94]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.12 and A/C.2/58/L.48

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.48, which she submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.12.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.48.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.48, draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.12 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development [95]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.8 and A/C.2/58/L.49

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.49, which she submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.8.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee was also informed that in addition to the sponsors listed in the document, the following countries had joined in sponsoring this draft resolution: Andorra, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Comoros, Congo, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Fiji, France, Gambia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nicaragua, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Senegal, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sudan, Suriname, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay and Vanuatu.

The representative of the Czech Republic orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.49, as orally corrected.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.49, draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.8 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Training and research [99]

(b) United Nations Staff College in Turin

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.21 and A/C.2/58/L.47

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Ulrika Cronnenberg-Mossberg (Sweden), introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.47, which she submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.21.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representatives of Chile and the Russian Federation made statements.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.47.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.47, draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.21 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly [101]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.35 and A/C.2/58/L.46

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.46, which she submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.35.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.46.

The representative of Argentina made a statement.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.46, draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.35 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Permanent Sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including East Jerusalem and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [103]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.36/Rev.1

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 142 to 4, with 9 abstentions.

The representatives of Japan, Italy (on behalf o the European Union) and the United Arab Emirates made statements in explanation of vote after their vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Signature: Bhutan (9 December 2003)

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Ecuador (9 December 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Ratification: Uzbekistan (9 December 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Signature: Egypt (9 December 2003)

Signature: France (9 December 2003)

Signature: Italy (9 December 2003)

Signature: Japan (9 December 2003)

Signature: Jordan (9 December 2003)

Signature: Kenya (9 December 2003)

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Signature: Morocco (9 December 2003)

Signature: Pakistan (9 December 2003)

Signature: Paraguay (9 December 2003)

Signature: Philippines (9 December 2003)

Signature: Senegal (9 December 2003)

Signature: Sierra Leone (9 December 2003)

Signature: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (9 December 2003)

Signature: United Republic of Tanzania (9 December 2003)

Signature: United States of America (9 December 2003)

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature until 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

Other announcements

Human Rights Day

In connection with Human Rights Day, *today*, 10 December 2003, the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights is sponsoring several events to mark the fifty-fifth anniversary of the proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the tenth anniversary of the Vienna World Conference on Human Rights and the award of human rights prizes. Information regarding the schedule of events parallel to the plenary meeting of the General Assembly is available at www.un.org/events/humanrights/. The address for the live webcast of the award of human rights prizes is the following: www.un.org/webcast/. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Sixth Annual Summit on Staff Security

The Sixth Annual Summit on Staff Security, on the theme "After Baghdad: United Nations Workers Under the Gun", organized by the Standing Committee on the Security and Independence of the International Civil Service and by the United Nations Staff Council, will take place on Thursday, 11 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Julian Robert Hunte, will deliver the opening keynote address. The President of the Security Council,

H.E. Mr. Stefan Tafrov, (Bulgaria), the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal, (Guatemala), and the President of the United Nations Staff Union, Ms. Rosemarie Waters, will be among the speakers.

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact Mr. Guy Candusso (tel. 1 (212) 963-3801).

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A/C.5/58/L.34	Item 120 — Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 — Draft decision submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations — Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization: follow-up [A C E F R S]

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

	First regular session 2003
DP/2004/1	Item 1 of the provisional agenda — Organizational matters — Report on the second regular session 2003 (8 to 12 September 2003, New York) [A C E F R S]

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Security Council

10.30 a.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed) Democratic Republic of Congo (S/2003/1098) Other matters	Consultations Room
Morning[1]	4878th meeting 1. Adoption of the agenda 2. Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)	Security Council Chamber

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

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General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the General Assembly

The fourth meeting of the open-ended informal consultations of the plenary on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, chaired by the President of the General Assembly, will be held on Friday, 12 December 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. [A revised text of the draft decision by the President of the General Assembly, was faxed to all Permanent Mission, on Tuesday, 9 December 2003].

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3.30 p.m. 4879th meeting (closed) Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1132 (1997) concerning Sierra Leone

3.30 p.m.[1] 34th meeting (closed) Conference Room 7

[1] The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

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Main Committees

Second Committee

4 p.m. 37th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

   (b) Science and technology for development (A/58/74-E/2003/58)

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.19, A/C.2/58/L.74, A/C.2/58/L.20 and A/C.2/58/L.69

   (f) Outcome of the International Ministerial Conference on Transit Transport Cooperation

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.16 and A/C.2/58/L.73

2. Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries [102]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.34 and A/C.2/58/L.68 (programme budget implications: A/C.2/58/L.45)

3. Sectoral policy questions: preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin [92]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.2 and A/C.2/58/L.52

4. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

(a) Women in development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.27 and A/C.2/58/L.65

(b) Human resources development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.5 and A/C.2/58/L.56

5. Environment and sustainable development [94]

(a) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.26 and A/C.2/58/L.59

(b) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.7/Rev.1 (programme budget implications: A/C.2/58/L.43), A/C.2/58/L.15 and A/C.2/58/L.60

(c) Convention on Biological Diversity

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.11 and A/C.2/58/L.61

(e) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.10, A/C.2/58/L.72, A/C.2/58/L.25 and A/C.2/58/L.67

(f) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.14/Rev.1 (programme budget implications: A/C.2/58/L.44)

(g) Sustainable mountain development

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.22 and A/C.2/58/L.58

6. Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development [95]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.9 and A/C.2/58/L.63

7. United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development [96]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.13 and A/C.2/58/L.70

8. Operational activities for development [97]

(a) Operational activities for development (*A/C.2/58/11 and A/58/168*)

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.24 and A/C.2/58/L.71

9. Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [98]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.3, A/C.2/58/L.57, A/C.2/58/L.4 and A/C.2/58/L.66

10. Training and research [99]

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.28 and A/C.2/58/L.53

11. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly [101]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.31 and A/C.2/58/L.64

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.23 and A/C.2/58/L.62

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 1

Informal consultations held by Mr. Henri Raubenheimer (South Africa), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee on all outstanding draft proposals

[1] Following the adjournment of the 37th meeting of the Second Committee.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 27th meeting Conference Room 3

1. United Nations common system [126]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.36

2. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/C.5/58/20 and A/58/7/Add.18)

Administrative expenses arising from the report of the Standing Committee of the United Nations Joint Staff Board (A/C.5/58/27 and A/58/7/Add.19)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/58/378 and A/58/7/Add.2); and Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: consideration of a draft resolution)	
3 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: consideration of a draft resolution)	

[1] Following the adjournment of the 27th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Credentials Committee

3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala	

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families

First meeting of States Parties

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 2
3–6 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Opening of the meeting by the Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations
2. Election of the Chairman
3. Adoption of the agenda (CMW/SP/1)
4. Adoption of the rules of procedure for the meeting (CMW/SP/3)
5. Election of other officers of the meeting
6. Establishment of the Committee on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrants Workers and Members of Their Families
   (a) Election of the members of the Committee under article 72 of the International Convention (CMW/SP/2)
   (b) Choice by lot by the Chairman of the meeting of the five members of the Committee whose terms shall expire at the end of two years, as provided in article 72, paragraph 5 (a), of the Convention

(c) Determination of the date on which the members of the Committee are to assume office

7. Other matters

[*Note*: Pursuant to article 72, paragraph 4 of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, the necessary quorum for the meeting is two-thirds of the States Parties. As there are 22 States Parties to the Convention, the quorum is 15 States Parties. There have been instances in the past where meetings of the States Parties have been substantially delayed or called off due to the lack of quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for the States Parties to be present at the scheduled time of the meeting].

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Second Committee

Informal "informals" on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.39 entitled "High-level dialogue on financing for development", and A/C.2/58/L.40 entitled "Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development" (agenda item 104) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Cameroon)

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal "informals" on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.37 entitled "International migration and development" (agenda 93 (c)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	To be announced

Informal "informals" on follow up to General Assembly resolution 57/270 B entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields" (indicative programme of work of the Second Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Sweden)

1.45–2.30 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 7

Other meetings

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Group of 77 *(on Second Committees matters)*

9–10 a.m.	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
1–2.45 p.m.	Closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Eastern European Group *(of the Fifth Committee)*

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnerships" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

10–11 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Assistance in mine action" (agenda item 22) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Meeting of the Least Developed Countries with their development partners of the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on "2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa" (agenda item 51) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia)

12 noon–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS): Working Group

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Arab Group *(on Fifth Committee matters) (at the experts level)*

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel" (agenda item 40) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union))

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 4

Eastern European Group *(briefing by the Permanent Representative of Slovenia on the revitalization of the General Assembly) (at the ambassadorial level))*

3–4 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (agenda item 39 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(at the ambassadorial level)*

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (GRULAC)

5–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm

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Room S-226

11.15 a.m. H.E. Mr. Mohamed Bennouna, Permanent Representative of Morocco; and H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki, Deputy Permanent Representative of Morocco (on the South-South Cooperation Meeting of the Group of 77 (Marrakesh, 15-19 December 2003))

Guest at 12 noon Ms. Carolyn McAskie, Humanitarian Envoy of the Secretary-General for the crisis in Côte d'Ivoire (on her recent mission to that country)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) on Friday, 12 December 2003 at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will hold its resumed 2003 session from 15 to 19 December 2003 in Conference Room 4. The agenda of the 2003 session is contained in document E/C.2/2003/1.

Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are requested to inform the Secretary-General about the composition of their delegation for the resumed session through the Committee Secretary, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (room S-2950E; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be an information meeting of the Group of 77 with the Director of INSTRAW, H.E. Ms. Carmen Moreno, on Friday, 12 December 2003, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room A.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (agenda item 39 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support" (agenda item 39 (a)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Ethiopia, on Friday, 12 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Rom 9.

Meeting of the Group of Least Developed Countries *(at the experts level)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of Least Developed Countries *(at the experts level)*, organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin, on Friday, 12 December 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Presentation of the handbook *Internet Services for Delegates*

A practical presentation for all permanent missions to the United Nations of the recently-issued handbook *Internet Services for Delegates*, organized by the Ad Hoc Working Group on Informatics, will be held on Friday, 12 December 2003, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Copies of the handbook will be distributed to the participants. Members of the permanent missions and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 3 December 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Preparations for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (1-12 March 2004), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following thematic issues that will be taken up by the Commission: (a) Women's equal participation in conflict prevention, management and conflict resolution and in post-conflict peace building; and (b) The role of men and boys in achieving gender equality. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1246; and/or email zakharova@un.org), no later than 9 January 2004, indicating the panel for which the experts(s) is (are) being nominated.

Summary of meetings

Tuesday, 9 December 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

72nd plenary meeting (continued)

Reports of the Special and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and People [19]

(a) Report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and People on its work during 2003 (A/58/2 (Parts I-III))

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/66 and A/58/171)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/58/23 (Part III), chapter XII, section G, para.7, and A/58/L.21)

The Rapporteur of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and People made a statement, in the course of which he introduced the report of the Special Committee.

The Vice-Chairman of the Special Committee made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/58/L.21.

The Rapporteur of the Special and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 81 to 88, 89 and 12, 90 as well as 19.

Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/470) [81]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/470) (resolution 58/88).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 81.

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/471) [82]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 14 of its report (A/58/470) (resolutions 58/89 and 58/90).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 82.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/472) [83]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I to V recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 32 of its report (A/58/472).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 58/91)	167	1	8
Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 58/92)	168	5	3
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 58/93)	162	5	8
Draft resolution IV (recorded vote) (resolution 58/94)	164	5	4
Draft resolution V (recorded vote) (resolution 58/95)	133	0	35

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 83.

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/473) [84]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I to V recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 25 of its report (A/58/473).

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (recorded vote) (resolution 58/96)	87	7	78
Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 58/97)	164	6	4
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 58/98)	156	6	13
Draft resolution IV (recorded vote) (resolution 58/99)	150	6	19
Draft resolution V (recorded vote) (resolution 58/100)	163	1	11

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 84.

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/474) [85]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) contained in document A/58/474.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 85.

Questions relating to information: report of the Special and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/475) [86]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 10 of its report, as orally revised (A/58/475) (resolution 58/101 A and B).

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the same committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/58/475).

The General assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 86.

Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/476) [87]

By 163 to 0, with 6 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/476) (resolution 58/102).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 87.

Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/477) [88]

By 164 to 2, with 3 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/477) (resolution 58/103).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 88.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations: report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Special and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/478) [89 and 12]

By 116 to 0, with 55 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 7 of its report (A/58/478) (resolution 58/104).

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 89.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 12.

Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/479) [90]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 6 of its report (A/58/479) (resolution 58/105).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 90.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [19]

(a) Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/58/480)

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I to IV recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 26 of its report (A/58/480) (resolutions 58/106, 58/107, 58/108 and 58/109).

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in paragraph 27 of the same report.

(b) Note verbale from Saint Kitts and Nevis (A/58/601)

The General Assembly took note of the nomination, by its President, of Saint Kitts and Nevis as a member of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 19.

Statements on a point of order were made by the representatives of Algeria, the People's Democratic Republic of Korea, the Niger, Honduras, Guinea, Indonesia, Bangladesh Egypt, Lesotho, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Somalia.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: draft resolutions (A/58/23 (Part III), chapter XII, section G, para. 7 and A/58/L.21) [19]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 19.

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on the draft resolution recommended by the Special Committee contained in Part III, chapter XII, section G, para. 7, and on draft resolution A/58/L.21.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 162 to 3, with 0 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution contained in Part III, chapter XII, section G, para.7, of the report of the Special Committee (A/58/23) (resolution 58/110).

By 154 to 2, with 8 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/58/L.21 (resolution 58/111).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and Antigua and Barbuda.

The representative of France made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 19.

Wednesday, 10 December 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

73rd plenary meeting

Fifty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [48]: award of human rights prizes in 2003; Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [117 (d)]: tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: joint debate.

(a) Presentation of awards

(b) Debate

The President made a statement.

On the occasion of the celebration of the fifty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, six prizes were awarded to individuals and organizations who had made outstanding contributions to the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms. The prizes were awarded to Ms. Enriqueta Estela Barnes de Carlotto (Argentina), the Family Protection Project Management Team (Jordan), Ms. Shulamith Koenig (United States of America), The Mano River Women's Peace Network of West Africa, Mr. Deng Pufang (China) and Mr. Sergio Vieira de Mello (Brazil) (posthumous).

The General Assembly continued its commemorative meeting devoted to the observance of the fifty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.

Statements were made by the representatives of Peru (on behalf of the Rio Group), Chile (on behalf of the Community for Democracies), Italy (on behalf of the European Union and of Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Croatia, Estonia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey, which aligned themselves with the statement), Austria and Ukraine, by The Honourable Digvijay Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs of India, as well as by the representatives of Kenya, the Philippines, Brazil, the Sudan, Cuba, Kazakhstan and Guyana.

74th plenary meeting *Fifty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights [48]: award of human rights prizes in 2003; Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [117 (d)]: tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*: joint debate.

(a) Presentation of awards

(b) Debate

Statements were made by the representatives of Eritrea, Lebanon, Ecuador, Iceland, Mongolia, Nigeria, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Thailand, Liechtenstein, the United States, Nepal and Canada.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 32nd plenary meeting, on 15 October 2003, the observer of the Holy See made a statement.

The observance of the fifty-fifth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action was thus concluded.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 48.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 117 (d).

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

26th meeting

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [119]

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.32, coordinated by the representative of Venezuela, Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [120]

The Committee had before it draft decisions A/C.5/58/L.33 and A/C.5/58/L.34, coordinated by the representatives of Colombia and Ireland respectively.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decisions.

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.35, coordinated by the representative of Argentina.

Before the consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.35, the Secretary of the Committee read out a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of these questions.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

The Committee had before it draft resolutions A/C.5/58/L.30 and A/C.5/58/L.31, coordinated by the representatives of Belgium and Venezuela (Vice-Chairman of the Committee).

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decisions.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of these questions.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [134]

The Committee had before it draft decision A/C.5/58/L.29, coordinated by the representative of the Netherlands, Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

Special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse

The Chairman proposed, and the Committee decided, without objection, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the note by the Secretary-General on special measures for protection from sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (A/58/559).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of these questions.

Report of the Economic and Social Council (A/58/3 (chaps. I, VII (sects. B and C) and IX) [12]

The Chairman proposed, and the Committee decided, without objection, to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council that were allocated to it.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and Costa Rica.

The Chairman and the Secretary of the Committee also made statements.

Corrigendum

Second Committee

Corrigendum to the 36th meeting of the Second Committee (see *Journal* No. 2003/236, p. 18):

(a) The text under agenda item 99 (b) *should read* as follows:

Training and research [99]

(b) United Nations Staff College in Turin

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.21 and A/C.2/58/L.47

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Ulrika Cronenberg-Mossberg (Sweden), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.47, which she submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.21.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee was informed that The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representatives of Chile and the Russian Federation made statements.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.47.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.47, draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.21 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

(b) The following text *should be added* at the end of the summary:

Organizational matters

The Committee was informed that additional sponsors had joined in sponsoring the following draft resolutions: *A/C.2/58/L.13 (item 96)*: Brazil, Côte d'Ivoire, El Salvador, Iceland, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Marshall Islands, the Philippines, Senegal, South Africa, Syrian Arab Republic, Timor-Leste, Ukraine and United Republic of Tanzania; *A/C.2/58/L.26 (item 94 (a))*: Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Tajikistan, Tuvalu, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Uzbekistan; and *A/C.2/58/L.10 (item 94 (e))*: New Zealand and Switzerland.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 18 December 1979

Ratification: San Marino (10 December 2003)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Ratification: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (10 December 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Signature: Algeria (9 December 2003)

Signature: Australia (9 December 2003)

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United Nations Convention Against Corruption, New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature until *today*, 11 December 2003, at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

Other announcements

Sixth Annual Summit on Staff Security

The Sixth Annual Summit on Staff Security, on the theme "After Baghdad: United Nations Workers Under the Gun", organized by the Standing Committee on the Security and Independence of the International Civil Service and by the United Nations Staff Council, will take place *today*, 11 December 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the *Trusteeship Council Chamber*. The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Julian Robert Hunte, will deliver the opening keynote address. The President of the Security Council, H.E. Mr. Stefan Tafrov, (Bulgaria), the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal (Guatemala), Under-Secretary-General for Management and United Nations Security Coordinator, a.i., and the President of the United Nations Staff Union, Ms. Rosemarie Waters, will be among the speakers.

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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